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The annual 4th of July fireworks display will be held on Friday, July 4. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m. Henry Law Park and the surrounding downtown area are the best locations to view the fireworks.

The fireworks display will be preceded by other activities, including the 39th Army Band at the Rotary Arts Pavilion from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and food and novelty vendors at Henry Law Park.

As the holiday approaches, safety officials are reminding residents to be safe. Please listen to Dover Police Chief Anthony Colarusso, Jr., and Dover Fire Chief Richard

Meetings this week:

City Council, July 2, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, July 2, at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

For a complete list of weekly

meetings, visit
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Driscoll explain how to be safe this holiday, while
respecting the law.



Fireworks, You and the Law: A Safety Message
from the City of Dover, NH



Paul Norris photo

Don Briand, left, as John Adams and Tom Dunnington as
Benjamin Franklin.

Founding Fathers to read the Declaration of Independence

Dover kicks off Independence Day with its annual reading
of the Declaration of Independence. Garrison Players Arts
Center performers Don Briand as John Adams, Tom
Dunnington as Benjamin Franklin and Rich Salvati as
Thomas Jefferson will read the Declaration at 9 a.m. on
the steps of Dover City Hall (288 Central Ave).

This is the 14th year the Garrison Players have been a part

of the Dover Independence Day celebration.

Garrison Players Arts Center (GPAC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theatre group dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the area by presenting high-quality theatrical performances geared for family audiences. Established in 1953, the players encourage people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the many facets of the performing arts, and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center.

For more information about auditions, shows or GPAC, visit the website at www.garrisonplayers.org.



City of Dover now offers online access to interactive maps and property records

Online access to City maps and property records is now available on the City's website.

The new online maps are customizable and contain a wide variety of geographic, community and other important information, including property record cards, trash and recycling pick-up days, and ward information.

To access the maps, including instructions on their use, visit the City's website [here](#).

Dover Public Library adds Wednesday evening hours

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce that beginning on July 9, Wednesday evening hours will resume at the library after a five-year hiatus. Wednesday hours will be 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In mid-2009, Wednesday evening hours were eliminated from the library's schedule due to a municipal budget

reduction, but the City of Dover's fiscal year 2015 budget includes funding to restore Wednesday evening hours.

Library staff and the Board of Trustees would like to remind everyone to come check us out: now three evenings a week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, until 8:30 p.m. Meeting rooms are also now available for booking on Wednesday nights, on a first-come, first-served basis. Nonprofit groups may meet for free, but there is a rental fee charged to commercial and for-profit organizations. Call the front desk 516-6050 to check on availability.

Beginning July 9, the Dover Public Library's summer hours will be: Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday to Friday, 9am to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the Library at 603-516-6050.

Cochecho Arts Festival kicks off 28th season July 9

The Cochecho Arts Festival begins its 28th season on Wednesday, July 9. The annual

festival comprises the Children's Series on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the Farmer's Market performances on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.,



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Shark in the Park concerts on

Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and the Headliner Series on Friday nights at 6 p.m. In addition, the Festival includes Shakespeare in the Park on Sunday, July 27 and Sunday, Aug. 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming performances are:

- Wednesday, July 9, 6 p.m., Rosie (Sponsored by The Shark 105.3/102.1 FM) Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Friday, July 11, 6 p.m., The Spectras with Jon King (Sponsored by Liberty Mutual) Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Tuesday, July 15, 10:30 a.m., Sammi Haynes (Sponsored by Orange Leaf), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Wednesday, July 16, 3:30 p.m., The Torrenz Duo (Sponsored by Holy Rosary Credit Union) Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

The annual festival is organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit
<http://www.cochechoartsfestival.org>.

Volleyball camp open to K-8 players

Is your child interested in learning how to play volleyball? This is the perfect opportunity. Dover Recreation is teaming up with Push Volleyball to offer children of all ages the opportunity to learn how to play this rapidly growing sport.

During this week long camp, held the week of July 7, players will learn the basic concepts of ball control (passing), hitting, setting, and serving all the while focusing on self-awareness and self-control. Age-appropriate equipment and games for each age group.

All sessions are held at the McConnell Center in Dover. For more information, visiting the Recreation Department's [web page](#), or call 603-516-6401.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at



June 27, 1688 - The Cocheco Massacre:

For over half a century following Dover's founding in 1623, the English settlers co-existed peacefully with the local Penacook tribe. The Indians helped the colonists to develop fishing, hunting and farming skills necessary to surviving in New England. The Indian



Night Attack of Indians on Major Waldron's House, Dover, N. H.

chieftain was Passaconaway, a strong leader who commanded respect and peaceful behavior from his people. He was responsible for forming the Penacook confederacy, a unification of local tribes against the hostile Mohawks. Passaconaway's 50 year reign marks one of the most peaceful periods in the New Hampshire province. His son Wonalancet took over leadership of the tribe in 1665 and continued his father's peaceful ways.

The leader of the colonists at Cocheco was Richard Walderne (Waldron), an Englishman who had emigrated in 1635. In 1642, Walderne owned a large tract of land at the Lower Falls of the Cocheco River where he built a sawmill. That spot became the foundation of the settlement known as Cocheco. By 1666 a total of 41 families lived and worked here. Indians became a familiar sight around town when Walderne opened a large trading post. There were occasional problems with the Indians. Walderne was not above breaking laws which forbade selling liquor or firearms to Indians.

In 1676, many Indians fled Massachusetts due to bloody fighting between a confederation of Indian tribes and English settlers. By September, over 400 Indians were at the Cocheco settlement. Half of them were strangers, the other half were Wonalancet's people. Two companies of Massachusetts soldiers arrived to recapture the escaping Indians. They were ready to battle the Indians but Major Walderne intervened.

Walderne agreed that the Massachusetts Indians should be returned to Boston for punishment, but he did not want local, loyal Indians to be harmed in the process. The major suggested a "sham battle". The Indians were invited to assemble close to town for a day of war games. The unsuspecting Indians were surrounded by four militia companies which separated out the local Indians. Over 200 of the Massachusetts Indians were taken back to Boston. Some of them were hanged or sold into slavery.

Tensions mounted between the settlers and the Penacook Indians over the next eleven years. The peaceful Chief Wonalancet was replaced by the warlike Kancamagus who bitterly resented the injustices meted out by English settlers to his people. Indians had no right to travel in the woods east of the Merrimack without written permission from Major Walderne. More and more land was seized from the Indians for paltry payments like a "peck of corn annually for each family".

In 1684, the Governor ordered that the meeting house at Dover be fortified against Indian attacks. Every neighborhood developed at least one fortified blockhouse where people could flee to safety if Indians attacked. It is estimated that there were 50 garrisons within a 15 mile radius of present day downtown Dover. Five homes at the Cochecho settlement were garrisoned at public expense. Richard Walderne's, Richard Otis's and Elizabeth Heard's on the north side of the river, Peter Coffin's and his son Tristram's on the south side. These sites were purposefully chosen because of their locations on the highest knolls of the town. The garrisons were built with foot-thick squared logs impenetrable to bullets and a second story which projected over the lower story by two to three feet. This overhang feature was designed to combat Indians who customarily attacked with fire or smoke. A loose board in the overhang could be removed in order to pour boiling water on marauders or on fires below. Each wall also had narrow slits for firearms. The garrisons were also surrounded by an eight foot palisade of large logs set upright in the ground.

The settlers at Cochecho became frightened by the large number of hostile Indians now living with the local tribe. The settlers took refuge at the blockhouse each night, and during the day, guns were kept close to hand in the fields. Major Walderne scoffed at the fears of his neighbors, boasting he could raise a militia by lifting up his finger. Loyal Indians also tried to warn Walderne of the impending massacre.

Governor Bradford dispatched a letter to Walderne on June 27, stating "Some Indians...report that there is a gathering of Indians in or about Penacook with the designe of mischief to the English...they have a particular designe against yourselfe and Mr. Peter Coffin which the Council thought it necessary ...to give you notice that you take care of your own Safeguard, they intending to endeavor to betray you on a pretention of Trade". The letter arrived one day too late.

On the evening of June 27, several Indian women asked to

shelter at each of the garrison houses, a common practice in peacetime. They were shown how to open the doors and gates in case they wanted to leave in the night. No watch was kept as all the Cochecho families retired for the night. During the early hours, Indian women quietly opened the gates to several hundred Penacooks.

The Indians rushed into Major Walderne's garrison. He attempted to defend himself with a sword but was quickly overpowered and tied to a chair. The furious Penacooks each slashed the 74 year old man across the chest with his own sword, crying out "I cross out my account!" They hacked off his nose and ears then thrust them into his mouth. Finally, they forced him to fall upon his sword. Even in death, the Indians were not done with vengeance: they cut off the hand that had cheated them by holding down the scales during trading. The final act of revenge was to burn the house to the ground, and murder or take captive the rest of Walderne's family.

At Richard Otis's garrison the scene was similar. Otis, his son Stephen and daughter Hannah were killed. His wife, Grizel and three month old daughter Margaret as well as two of his grandchildren were taken captive to Canada. Little Margaret (rechristened Christine by French nuns who raised her in Quebec) later returned to Dover at age 45 and opened a tavern. The Otis garrison was also burned to the ground.

The Heard garrison was more fortunate. Elder William Wentworth was guarding the property in the absence of its owner, Elizabeth Heard. He was awakened by a barking dog and managed to close the gates against attack. This was the only garrison left totally unscathed that night. Elizabeth Heard, her three sons, her daughter, and their families were all returning from their voyage to Portsmouth with the dawn tide. After landing, they found the Main Street docks curiously deserted. They cautiously approached the closest garrison, that of Major Walderne. The smell of smoke and the chilling sound of Indian cries alerted them to their peril.

Mrs. Heard was so overcome with fright that she could not go on. She pleaded with her family to leave her and flee for their lives. Regretfully, they left her hidden in some nearby bushes. As daylight broke, an Indian spotted Mrs. Heard in the nearby thicket. He raised his gun and aimed it at her. He stared hard at her face, then silently ran away, never revealing her to his tribesmen. In a curious twist of fate, Elizabeth Heard had saved the life of this Indian during the sham battle. He had never forgotten her kindness and took this opportunity to repay the favor.

Mrs. Heard remained hidden in the thicket until all the Indians left Cochecho. She wearily returned to her home expecting to find burnt ruins. Thanks to her courageous neighbor, William Wentworth, she found her home and family intact.

Across the Cochecho River, Peter Coffin's garrison was quickly overwhelmed by the Indians. Because of his friendly relations with the Indians they did not burn his house, merely looted it. He and his family were taken captive and brought to his son Tristram's garrison. Tristram's home was so well fortified that the Indians had not been able to penetrate it. Kancamagus' men forced him to surrender by holding Peter in front of the gates and threatening to kill him. Tristram's house was not burned, just pillaged. Both Coffin families escaped safely while their captors were busily plundering their homes.

Five or six more homes were burned as were the mills at the Lower Falls. Twenty-three people were killed and twenty-nine were taken captive. On the morning after the massacre, survivors searched the town thoroughly, but the enemy had vanished. Swift pursuit resulted in the re-capture of three Otis daughters in the town of Conway. Added military aid from Massachusetts was soon dispatched to Cochecho, but no further attack was made.

Several years passed before Cochecho fully recovered. Houses and mills were rebuilt, but the loss of so many persons (about 25% of the population) was a severe blow to the settlement's prosperity. By 1700 however, the town had begun to resume its former importance. Although Cochecho was occasionally harassed by Indians, it was never again the target of so destructive a raid.

For the next sixty years, Indian raids continued to plague many other nearby seacoast towns: Oyster River, Salmon Falls, Lee, Exeter, Kingston, Newmarket, Rochester, York, and Eliot all suffered tragedies similar to Cochecho's. Yet by the middle of the 18th century, disease, famine, and the "white tide" had all taken their toll on the Indian population in New Hampshire. By 1770, hardly an Indian remained in the province.

(Dover Public Library and the 1989 Heritage Walk tour booklet)



June 29, 1885 - The act of incorporating the City of Dover was signed this day and accepted by the citizens at a town meeting on Aug. 15, 1885.

Summer Reading Programs for children and teens begin June 30 at the Dover Public Library

"Fizz, Boom, Read", a five-week reading program for children in grades K-6 (and a special preschool program, too), will begin on Monday, June 30 and continue through Tuesday, Aug. 5. The program is designed to encourage children to make reading an important part of their summer activities.

Registration begins Monday, June 30 and continues for the duration of the program. Dover Public Library card holders (including non-resident borrowers) are welcome to sign up for the program. Children must come to the library in person to register and receive their booklets or folders, and a voucher for a free ticket to a Portland Seadogs baseball game. Children will then return with their booklets or reading logs (after recording books/minutes read) to earn stickers and prizes.

Besides reading, many exciting things will be happening during the five weeks of the program. "Mad Science" will visit the library for a kick-off celebration called "Spin, Pop & Boom" on Thursday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m. This is a 45-minute science show that explores a thrilling combination of science and physics. Drop-in Story Times will be conducted every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and the "Creation Station" in the Children's Room will have a supply of materials all day, every day for children to make a craft project to take home.

Lego Saturdays (use ours or bring your own) will be held on July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the following special programs will make sure summer reading is a "blast":

- "It's Not Rocket Science... Or Is It?" a workshop on making balloon rockets will be held on Wednesday, July 9 at 3 p.m. Experiment with Newton's Laws of Motion while racing your creation. Pre-registration is required.
- "Fizz, Boom...Think", an interactive outreach program sponsored by Federal Savings Bank and presented by the Children's Museum of NH, will explore this great Earth we live on, and all of its trash, on Friday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.
- Trashcan Lid Productions will offer two "Junk 2 Funk" workshops on Thursday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m.

and noon. Participants will perform a rhythmic extravaganza with instruments they'll create using found objects. Pre-registration is required.

Children are invited to join our "Paws for Reading" sessions with Murphy, a Certified Therapy Dog, and her handler, Karen. They will be in the Children's Room on Thursdays, July 10 and July 17 from 10-11 a.m. Murphy loves a good story but needs someone to read it to her. If your child is interested in helping Murphy and practicing reading aloud, sign up for a reading session during one of these times.

In addition, the library's "Explosive Monday Movies" series will feature free movies in the Lecture Hall every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m., beginning on June 30. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring your own refreshments. The schedule includes:

- "The LEGO Movie", June 30, rated PG;
- "The Little Rascals Save the Day", July 7, rated PG;
- "Meet the Robinsons", July 14, rated G;
- "Frozen", July 21, rated G;
- "Rio 2", July 28, rated G;

"Spark a Reaction" is the Teen Summer Reading Program, and it also runs from June 30 to Aug. 5. All participants may choose to read whatever they enjoy--novels, magazines, graphic novels, comic books, or nonfiction. For every two hours of reading completed, participants will be given a raffle ticket--and will get to choose on which prize to bid. In addition, lots of other great prizes will be offered throughout the five-week program--including gift certificates to local business, fun-pack gift bags, Target gift certificates, and much more.

Middle school readers are eligible participate in both the Children's Program and the Teen Program (finish one, then begin another). Drop by the library's Main Circulation Desk to sign up for the "Spark a Reaction" Teen Program, visit online at <http://library.dover.nh.gov> or call 516-6050 for more information.

A celebration for all readers enrolled in the summer program, and their families, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. After grabbing a bag of popcorn and a drink, head to the Lecture Hall for a magic show sponsored by Measured Progress. Magician Norman Ng will entertain us with his unique, interactive magical show--an exciting fusion of magic, comedy, and audience participation.

Last year, over 850 readers participated in the library's Summer Reading Programs. Join us and help us exceed

1,000 readers this year.

Temporary sign permit renewals in Dover due July 1

The City of Dover Planning Department is reminding the business community that renewals of temporary sign permits are due by no later than July 1, 2014. The City's Zoning Ordinance allows temporary signs for businesses located in the Central Business District (CBD), the Cochecho Waterfront District (CWD), the Thoroughfare Business (B-3) District, and the Gateway (B-5) District. Temporary signs are not permitted in any other zoning district.

Where allowed, temporary signs require a permit issued by the Planning Department. The permit is valid for one year, and can be renewed annually. The Planning Department administers temporary sign permits so that all permit renewals are due on July 1, every year. For signs located on a City sidewalk or within a City right-of-way, the permit application must be accompanied by a hold harmless letter (included with the application form) and proof of insurance.

In addition, temporary signs located in the CBD or CWD Districts must demonstrate compliance with the "mill motif" design criteria. Originally developed in the 1980s to help ensure that signage in downtown is reflective of Dover's historic character, these criteria as applied to temporary signs were recently modified by the Planning Board.

Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner, explains that the design criteria modifications are intended to provide "additional flexibility for the City's business owners, while at the same time ensuring that temporary signs meet some basic design standards to help maintain an attractive downtown."

In connection with the permit renewal deadline, the Planning Department will perform an on the ground inventory of temporary signs some time after July 1. The purpose of this effort will be to ensure that all temporary signs on display in the City of Dover have a permit.

"Our goal is always equal and fair enforcement of our regulations," Corwin said.

For temporary signs on display in districts where temporary signs are not permitted, City staff will contact

the business displaying the sign and ask that it be removed.

Applications for temporary sign permits can be found on the Planning Department website. Copies are also available at the office of the Planning Department, located on the first floor of City Hall, open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Guided walking tours of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will once again offer Guided Walking Tours of Historic Dover on Saturday mornings this summer, from May 24 through Sept. 13. Tours begin at 10:30 a.m.

Tours begin at the Dover Chamber and will leisurely stroll through Dover's Historic Downtown area, with numerous stops along the way during which the Guide will point out places of interest, offer historical perspective, and share stories and anecdotes about the people, places and events that have helped shape Dover.

Reservations are recommend and can be made by calling 603-742-2218.

City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

The boards and commissions below are now seeking to fill vacancies for regular and alternate seats:

- Arena Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission

- Zoning Board of Adjustment

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, click [here](#).

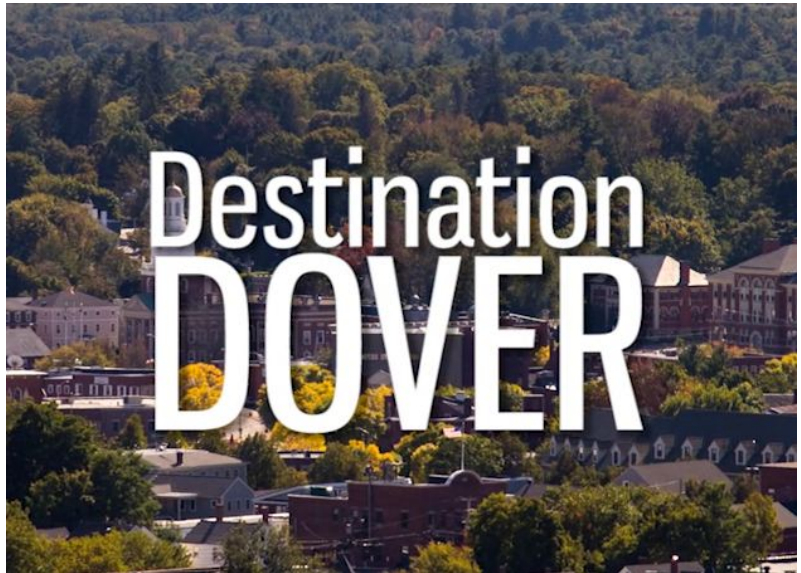
To download an application for board and commissions, click [here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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